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Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" The answer given to this question is " Excepting two cases where a small reward was given to persons who volunteered to accompany the troops, etc., the Government gave no grants of land or money to any such persons." There is no reference made to those persons who volunteered their services. Is the hon. Member in a position to say who those persons were ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" They were private persons who accompanied the troops during the operations in connexion with the Mappilla rebellion."

Diwan Bahadur M. KRISHNAN NAYAR :—" Can the hon. the Home Member give us some idea as to the amount of money which was given by way of rewards ? "

The hon. Sir ARTHUR KNAPP :—" I am afraid I must have notice of that question if I am to give the correct information."

Acts.

Committee on the amendment of the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908.

* 45 Q.—Rai Bahadur Sir K. VENKATAREDDI NAYUDU : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(a) at what stage the work of the Committee appointed to go into the question of amending the Madras Estates Land Act I of 1908 is ;

(b) who the members of that Committee are ;

(c) what interest each of the said members represents ;

(d) whether it is a fact that the landholders' interest is more strongly represented in that body ;

(e) who are the members in it who are expected to represent the tenants' interests ;

(f) how many meetings the committee held up to the date of answering this question ;

(g) what questions were decided in those meetings ; and

(h) when Government expect this Committee to finish its labours ?

A.—(a), (f), (g) & (h) The Committee has held two sittings till now. It cannot be said now when it will finish its labours.

(b) The hon. Member is referred to G.O. No. 1917, Law (General), dated the 27th June 1924, and G.O. No. 2441, Law (General), dated the 28th August 1924, both of which have been placed on the Editors' Table. At the instance of the Committee, the following Deputy Collectors have been co-opted as members :—

M.R.Ry. M. Narasimham Pantulu Garu.

M.R.Ry. N. Koil Pillai Avargal.

(c), (d) & (e) The hon. Member is referred to the answer given to question No. 367 asked at the meeting of the Council held in August 1924.

Recognition of Canon Law under the Madras Civil Courts Bill.

* 46 Q.—Mr. J. A. SALDANHA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to place before the Council the correspondence between the Madras Government and the Government of India on my amendment regarding the